

REMARKS

Introduction

On February 23, 2010, a telephonic interview took place between the Examiner and the undersigned. The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview.

During the telephonic interview, the Examiner requested further amendment of the claims to correct for informalities, and indicated that such corrective action would place this application in condition for allowance. In addition, the Examiner requested confirmation of support in the applicant's specification for the limitation of "transmitting test control codes to the associated unit each time the T.V. module is energized," as recited in independent claim 11.

The undersigned respectfully submits that the amendments above and the remarks below are fully responsive to the Examiner's requests. Accordingly, prompt reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicant's Response

Claims 11-15 are pending in the above-identified patent application. Patent claims 1-10 and added claims 16-22 were previously canceled.

Applicant has amended independent claim 11 to more particularly define the invention. No new matter has been added and the amendments are fully supported by the originally filed specification.

In addition, applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims fully satisfy the requirements under 37 CFR 1.173. In particular, all amendments are shown relative to the original patent, with all omitted limitations bracketed and all added limitations underlined; the entire text of each

amended claim is presented together with the appropriate parenthetical expression following the claim number; and all canceled patent claims and all canceled added claims properly include a statement to that effect without presentation of the claim text.

Applicant further notes that support for the limitation of "transmitting test control codes to the associated unit each time the T.V. module is energized," as recited in independent claim 11, can be found at least at col. 3, lines 53-59, of the applicant's specification. As described in the text, a VCR (*i.e.*, the claimed T.V. module) executes an initialization routine "to ascertain the control codes of a related piece of equipment," (*i.e.*, the claimed associated unit). The routine, as further described in the cited portion of the specification, "is followed each time the VCR is energized." Accordingly, this limitation of claim 11 is fully supported by the originally filed specification.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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